

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 39-40, 50-53, 63-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,389,464 of Krishnamurthy et al. ("Krishnamurthy") and U.S. Patent No. 6,393,475 of Leong et al. ("Leong") and U.S. Patent No. 6,678,827 of Rothermel et al. ("Rothermel").

Status of Claims

Claims 39, 40, 50-53 and 63-76 are pending in the application. Claims 39, 50 and 63 have been amended. The amended claims are supported by the specification. Claims 67-76 have been added. No new matter has been added. No claims have been canceled by this amendment.

Claim Rejections

Claims 39-40, 50-53, 63-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnamurthy and Leong and Rothermel. It is submitted that claims 39-40, 50-53, 63-66 are patentable over the cited references.

Claim 39, as amended, recites in part:

a text-based interface layer to a combined text-based interface generator and hypertext transport protocol (HTTP) client;
an HTTP server interface layer to a combined HTTP server and simple network management protocol (SNMP) manager; and
an SNMP agent interface layer to SNMP agent, wherein the SNMP agent generates a user interface and receives user input that specifies a change to configuration data stored in said access device and said SNMP agent transmits a first message to a the combined hypertext transport protocol (HTTP) server and SNMP manager using HTTP . . .
wherein said text-based interface layer, said HTTP server interface layer and said SNMP agent interface layer reside in the access device.

(emphasis added)

It is submitted that the cited references are direct to ways to manage networks using a browser. Certain of the cited references describe systems that may exchange messages according to protocols within two interface layers. However, none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, disclose teach or suggest the use of text-based interface layer, an HTTP server interface layer and a SNMP agent interface layer that all reside in single access device. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 39 is patentable over the combination of cited references. Given that claim 40 depends from claim 39, it is submitted that claim 40 is also patentable over the cited references.

For reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 39, it is submitted that claims 50-53, and 63-66 are also patentable over the cited references.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

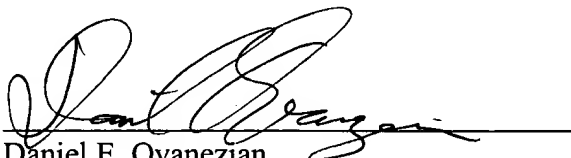
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

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